

CALIFORNIA MARITIME SECURITY COUNCIL

SUBCOMMITTEE INFORMATION SHEET

I. State Maritime Security Strategy

This subcommittee will focus on the development and implementation of a statewide maritime security strategy. Issues that should be addressed include evacuation and catastrophic planning, establishing criteria to aid in project prioritization, and setting baseline operational and procedural security measures to coordinate with Maritime Security (MARSEC) levels and the Homeland Security Advisory System.

II. Legislation and Grants

This subcommittee will review and monitor legislation and grants that impact the maritime sector, advocate for legislation that supports and furthers the State's maritime security efforts, and explore opportunities for leveraging funding. This subcommittee will provide recommendations on the development and implementation of the State port security grant program that was established through the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality and Port Security Bond Act of 2006. (CHANGE)

III. Information Sharing

This subcommittee will focus on strengthening information sharing capabilities between federal, state and local agencies and explore issues including expanding and developing fusion centers and an early warning system. This subcommittee will focus on improving statewide collaboration and information sharing to identify potential threats.

IV. Science and Technology

This subcommittee will focus on expanding and establishing partnerships with national laboratories, universities, research centers and federal, state and local agencies, to improve our maritime science and technology capabilities. The subcommittee will review technologies including resources to detect the presence of nuclear materials in shipping containers and vehicles, biological and chemical countermeasures, and broad-based detection tools.

V. Training and Exercises

This subcommittee will work on enhancing existing port training and exercise programs to streamline coordination between participating agencies, identify gaps in training, and develop additional courses as needed. The committee will review after action reports and lessons learned to develop a best practices knowledge base.

NEW SUBCOMMITTEES

VI. Transportation Worker Identification Card (TWIC)

This subcommittee will provide recommendations on the implementation of the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) program. The TWIC program's goals are to positively identify authorized individuals who require unescorted access to secure areas of the nation's maritime transportation system; determine the eligibility of an individual to be authorized unescorted access to secure areas of the maritime transportation system; enhance security by ensuring that unauthorized individuals are denied unescorted access to secure areas of the nation's maritime transportation system; and, identify individuals who fail to maintain their eligibility qualifications after being permitted unescorted access to secure areas of the nation's maritime transportation system and revoke the individual's permissions. The TWIC Final Rule was posted to the Federal Register on January 1, 2007.

VII. Recovery and Reconstitution

This subcommittee will provide recommendations on the establishment of an all-hazards approach to enhance the ability for recovery operations to include best practices and procedures from incident management disciplines from the public and private sectors that will integrates them into a unified structure.

Additionally, this subcommittee will develop a strategy to enhance the recovery from all-hazards incidents and reconstitute essential services by exercising authority, maintaining critical operations, and fulfilling essential functions working with federal, State, local and the private sector.